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Nicoletta Di Forte
Deputy Director for Enforcement
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290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007-1866

**Re: The Diamond Alkali Superfund Site
Lower 8.3 Miles of Lower Passaic River Study Area
Essex and Hudson Counties, New Jersey
Notice of Potential Liability Under 41 USC §9607(a)**

Dear Ms. Di Forte:

This office represents Chevron Corporation and its affiliated entities ("Chevron") identified in your letter of March 31, 2016, regarding USEPA's Notice of Potential Liability Under 42 U.S.C. §9607(a) for the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site, lower 8.3 miles of the Lower Passaic River. Your letter, in part, addresses USEPA's belief that some parties identified as PRPs under CERCLA may be eligible for a cash-out settlement with USEPA for the lower 8.3 miles of the Lower Passaic River. In that regard, you advised of USEPA's intent to provide separate notice of the opportunity to discuss a cash-out settlement at a later date.

The purpose of this letter is to request that Chevron be included in those discussions. Without admission of liability under CERCLA, Chevron believes it is eligible for

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de minimis treatment and is willing to participate in good faith in whatever process USEPA requires to establish its entitlement to a cash-out.

Very truly yours,


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